

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested for the following reasons:

1. Objection to Claims

This objection has been addressed by amending claim 1 to re-insert the unintentionally-omitted positive recitation of the protruding retaining portion.

2. Rejection of Claims 1, 2, and 6 Under 35 USC §103(a)

This rejection has been rendered moot by the incorporation, into claim 1, of the limitations of claims 2 and 3. Claim 3, which depended from claims 1 and 2, was indicated as allowable on page 5 of the Official Action.

It is respectfully noted that the amendment merely combines claims so as to limit the claims to allowable subject matter, and therefore that entry of the amendment after final is appropriate.

Having thus overcome each of the rejections made in the Official Action, expedited passage of the application to issue is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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